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Lake Management Quality, Weed and Algae Control

By Pat Toffler

The POA Board in 2008 contracted with Princeton Hydro to provide consulting services, in coordination with Aquatic Analysts (weed control), in order to better manage water quality, control weeds, and combat algae in Upper Greenwood Lake. In order to defray costs and provide timely observations and critical data, a group of volunteers from the Environmental and Weeds Committees gathered weekly readings and provided these (along with Laboratory Reports) to Dr. Steven Souza (Princeton Hydro) and Mr. Larry Kovar (Aquatic Analysts). Throughout the summer, Aquatic Analysts made bi-weekly visits to the lake (using their airboat and pontoon craft) to observe conditions and to apply non-toxic chemical treatments for weed control and algae abatement. Dr. Souza visited Upper Greenwood Lake in September of 2009 in order to survey results and to formulate an effective plan for 2010.

In addition, we worked with the

Passaic County Health Department, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, the West Milford Department of Public Works to address two large water release events on August 5 and 12, 2009 from the Wawayanda State Park wetlands bordering Upper Greenwood Lake. Significant swamp water entered Upper Greenwood Lake through a clogged culvert beneath Warwick Turnpike in the vicinity of the area where Sawmill Pond Brook enters Upper Greenwood Lake's western shore of Witte-Marlboro Cove. These discharges allowed stagnant, algae laden water to gush into the lake, exacerbating an algae bloom during the mid-late August time-frame. To avoid any future occurrence of this phenomenon, we have written the Town asking them to design a system that will prevent the culvert from clogging and permit water to accumulate in the swamp/bog and drain into Upper

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The Big Drawdown

By Howie Zemser

Be forewarned. "Floater" stumps, which number in the hundreds, will potentially be on the move again with the wind this spring, having had the fall and winter to dry out and become buoyant. Many more may break free from the bottom due to the lake drawdown and no longer be where you think they should be. There are many areas of the lake where these stumps will come to rest just below the surface. Sooner or later, you may meet up with one of them, so please, boat with caution in the 2010 season.

That said, the lake drawdown presents a **rare and great opportunity, not to be missed.** We can see the stumps, so we can do something about them. Since there are so many, we really could use all the assistance we can get. That means you can help. The Stump Committee has taken advantage of this deep lake drawdown and has begun marking problematic stumps. These stumps for the most part are the large "floaters" and are being tagged for removal. You may see these markers as white PVC pipes or yellow

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floats. We ask you to please do not vandalize or remove any of these markers. We are doing our best to lessen these serious hazards to navigation around the lake. We also plan to have "Ice Stump Parties", weather permitting. You can participate

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Lake Management

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Greenwood Lake in a normal, controlled manner so our lake is not “shocked”. We expect the Town to unclog the culvert, which was temporarily and intentionally blocked in order to contain the bog water until the first frost kills the biologic activity in those waters, and to implement a permanent solution during the early part of November 2009.

Interim Report from Princeton Hydro

Princeton Hydro is in the process of preparing a summary report that analyzes the data collected by the volunteers over the 2009 growing season. This article is intended to provide a quick synopsis of the data and our findings. Overall, the lake can be considered to be in “good shape”. As is the case with most recreational lakes in northern New Jersey with the level and intensity of watershed development characteristic of Upper Greenwood Lake, water quality conditions are not always ideal. This is to be expected of a eutrophic lake (having waters rich in minerals and organic nutrients that promote a proliferation of plant life, especially algae, which reduces the dissolved oxygen content and causes the extinction of other organisms). At times, as evidence in 2009, algae problems arise. Together with the density of weed growth, this creates issues in terms of the lake’s recreational and aesthetic enjoyment.

The lake showed only weak evidence of thermal stratification and at no time were anoxic conditions experienced. As such, the water column remained well mixed. This was likely a direct function of the weather conditions, and especially the amount and pattern of rain fall experienced over the spring and summer of 2009.

As you are all aware, the summer of 2009 was unusually wet and somewhat cooler than normal. The additional rainfall facilitated the summer-long influx of nutrients that even caused a localized water quality problem due to the mid-summer flushing of a bog/wetland system into the lake. Even so, the lake’s phosphorus concentrations, as compared to other lakes of the region, were never excessively high. Data compiled in the main basin of the lake (in the area of the spillway and

bathing beach) showed that clarity problems and excessive chlorophyll concentrations were not experienced in 2009. In part this is likely a function of the lake’s relatively small watershed (only 4,171 acres) and the fact that a large percentage is undeveloped.

The lake normally has a quick flushing rate. As detailed in the 2008 report, the hydraulic residence time of Upper Greenwood Lake is 0.27 years (96.8 days) on average. This equates to a flushing rate 3.8 times per year, which is relatively quick for a lake its size. With all of the added rain in the summer of 2009 the



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flushing rate was even quicker, meaning that there was even less opportunity for algae and plants to assimilate available nutrients. As a result, the open water areas of the lake (such as the main basin) tended to have fairly good water quality. But given the very dendritic (many coves and shallow areas) shape of the lake, various coves and backwater areas remained prone to the buildup of algae, especially in August when conditions became increasing conducive for algae blooms.

Overall, although given areas of the lake had periodic weed and algae problems, the lake’s key parameters (clarity, dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus, soluble reactive phosphorus, and Chlorophyll) all tended to be reflective of good water quality conditions.

Interim Report from Aquatic Analysts

Aquatic Analysts, Inc. was retained by the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association to manage nuisance aquatic weed and algae growth in Upper Greenwood Lake and Mount Laurel Lake in 2009. We performed ecological surveys of both lakes every two weeks from mid-

April to September 30, 2009 utilizing their airboats. The purpose of these surveys was to recommend timely non-toxic chemical treatments by observing aquatic plant growth and the onset of algae blooms before they become a nuisance.

During 2009, Aquatic Analysts surveyed Upper Greenwood Lake fifteen days and Mount Laurel Lake nine days. The only aquatic herbicide applied to the lakes was Sonar. Sonar is a systemic, slow-acting aquatic herbicide which has a thirty day water use restriction for irrigation. A two-part Sonar application was given in early May to Mount Laurel Lake and the following areas of Upper Greenwood Lake: Witte Cove, Pioneer Cove, and the entire northeast section of the lake including Audubon Cove, Firehouse Cove, Yardville Cove, Bridge Cove, Glenwood Cove and the Breeze

Cove. These treatments produced very good control of the targeted aquatic plants (milfoil, cabomba, curlyleaf pondweed, bladderwort, coontail and naiads). On June 22, 2009 Pioneer Cove was spot treated with Sonar Q to control the growth of milfoil and cabomba. As the summer progressed, some new aquatic plants (tapegrass, cabomba, ribbonleaf pondweed and largeleaf pondweed) were observed, and some of these plants reached nuisance levels by August.

Upper Greenwood Lake was treated with copper sulfate on July 9, 2009 and August 21, 2009 to manage the growth of planktonic and filamentous algae. Both treatments produced good results allowing Secchi (water transparency) depth to increase from 1.0-1.5 feet within one week. The average water transparency as measured by Secchi depth was 4.8 feet. There were a total of eleven species of aquatic plants observed in the lakes, and three of these were invasive.

Summary

The Environmental and Weeds Committee Chairs will be meeting with Dr. Souza and Mr. Kovar to discuss “lessons learned” and future plans both for the coming 2010 season and a long-term management strategy. As part of “Master Planning” for Upper Greenwood Lake, we will consider alternatives to chemical treatment of weeds and options for maintaining the quality and health of our fish population.

Stumps

by Karen Sarnowski

With the lake drawing down I would highly recommend that watercraft users take a good hard look at all of the lake. You may be surprised to see some very large stumps where you may have towed someone in a float and were just fortunate that you didn't hit any stumps!! While we are very aware that stumps are a major concern to many and we are currently formulating an upgraded stump removal



plan, they will probably be around for a few more years and will pose the same hazards that they have in the past. Many of these stumps are free-floating (not anchored into the lake bottom) so they may move in the spring. But on the other hand many are not free-floating and will stay in their same location. I am often surprised by newcomers who have no idea of the lake topography and speed down the stump zone in the southern portion of the lake. Many of these stumps are nicked or even have pieces of props stuck in them.

Take some time and take a good look at the lake so that your motoring in a safe location next year.



The Big Drawdown

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with us or on your own by doing the following this winter: If you know of stumps that are less than three feet below the surface, we encourage you to cut them down shorter. There will be more than a few people out there, doing the same thing, but there are many, many "prop killer" stumps. If they appear to be floaters (roots exposed above the mud) mark them with a float/line or stick a five foot piece of 1/2 inch white PVC pipe next to it. The Stump Committee can then easily locate them in the spring. The markers will also serve as a warning for boaters until we get to them. If possible pull any stumps you can into the shoreline.

Deep draw downs like this one do not happen very often, so everyone should seize this golden opportunity to get at the bane of the lake and make our lake safer and widen the boating channels. Might save a prop; might even save a life.

There are **three** ways to deal with this serious problem

that affects **all** boaters on Upper Greenwood Lake.

1. Leave it for someone else to worry about.
2. Lend a hand and help make this lake safer sooner.
3. Let your boat's keel and prop keep whittling them down to size over the summer.

The recent 2009 lake survey once again listed stumps as one of the top concerns of the community. A lot of concern, but not enough helping hands. Can I get some more volunteers please? We are going to need a lot of help this coming season. It has

become all to clear to me that volunteers alone cannot solve this problem, especially when I can count their number on my fingers.

The problem we face is massive, and hasn't been solved after forty years of hard work. We would like to take a new direction, so we are also working on a Master Plan encompassing "major projects" to deal with our infamous stump problem. We have found a viable solution, which

would greatly improve conditions on the lake. We need to break out the big guns, so we won't still be reporting on stumps in 2050. We hope to present it to community at the November meeting. Looking forward to seeing you out on the lake this winter. We will keep you posted via the new E-mail Notification List. You can also call the office for more info.

2009 Stump Season Recap:

The POA barge bagged more than a few problematic stumps season from various locations around the lake over the 2009 season. The Stump Committee and our volunteers held two "stump parties in the late summer where we were able to remove about fifty large stumps from along the shoreline of Lake Shore road. We had help from a water garden landscape contractor, who was willing to take them and give them new homes. Many thanks go out to my volunteers who worked very hard to try improving conditions on the lake for everyone's benefit. I tip my hat to you guys, who are truly Upper Greenwood Lake's finest; Jimmy Biondi, Tim Dalton, Dan, who lost his shoe, Wayne Gottlieb, Mike Todorovic, for the use of his dock, Dave Volpe, and Gary Zielinski, and of course the POA Stump Committee, Barry Britton, Rob



Burr, Warren Colnaghi, and Rene Manzo. Special thanks to Pastor Tim Barnes of the Living Word Church, for supplying a helping hand, space for the stumps and vehicles, coffee and donuts, and good company.

Of course there are many more stumps to go. It may not seem like we made much of a dent, but every stump we send up the road, is one less hazard on the lake, ...gone forever. I for one am glad to see them go.

A History of the Jewish Community and the Jewish Community Center at Upper Greenwood Lake

By Julia Held

Note: This history of the Jewish Community and the Jewish Community Center at Upper Greenwood Lake is compiled from email communications with David and Judy Goodman and Rita Jacobs, from notes taken by Dr. Libby Sukoff from her conversations with the Carr/Goodman family, from my conversations with Rita and Michael Jacobs, and from the remembrances and reflections of Drs. Ed and Libby Sukoff.

In an email sent to the Upper Greenwood Lake office on May 25, 2009, David Goodman wrote that his grandparents, Irving and Gert Carr, had a summer-house on Upper Greenwood Lake for many years. Irv, who was 96 had passed away earlier in the year, wanted to take Gert, 95, back to “the lake.”

David, his parents Roger and Judy Goodman, his grandmother Gert Carr, and his daughter Anna made their nostalgia trip back to “the lake” on August 1, 2009 and were greeted by Else and Joe Pettinato and Libby and Ed Sukoff. After lunch at the Pettinatos’ house, they visited the sites where they had once lived on Warwick Turnpike near the Sugar Bowl and then on Landing Road.

After a “people search” and several phone calls, I located Rita Jacobs and her husband Michael Jacobs whose parents, Sarah and Leon Davidowitz and Ruth and William (Bill) Jacobs, were known by Libby Sukoff to have been active members of the Jewish community at Upper Greenwood Lake.

Sam and I met with Rita and Michael on October 4, 2009. Michael said his father spent his first days at Upper

Greenwood Lake in the late '30's on Longhouse Drive where he pitched a tent on a wooden platform. In 1948, when Michael was four years old, his parents bought a house on the corner of Oldwick Court and Lake Shore Drive, and in 1967 they built a lakefront house farther back on the same road. In 1957, when Rita was 11 years old, her parents bought a house on the corner of Landing Road and Lake Shore Drive. They later moved to lakefront houses on Point Breeze Drive.

The improved roads and automobiles of the 1940's created a desire by metropolitan New York City families to vacation in the country. Some Jewish families left for the Catskills. Other Jewish families, looking for a retreat by a lake with a closer commute to and from the city, found their vacation spot in the advertisements for affordable low-cost property in Upper Greenwood Lake, as featured in the New York

Daily Mirror newspaper. In the early '40's, the Jewish families at Upper Greenwood Lake became a community of friends and they held Friday night Sabbath services at each other's homes. However, as the community grew its members needed more room for their Sabbath services and social gatherings.

When a waterfront gas station (Hook's Service Station and Convenience Store) on Lake Shore Drive became available for purchase in the late '40's, the community banded together to buy the property and build a Jewish Community Center. The Center was financed through the sale of bonds. Irving and Gertrude Carr were newcomers

among the group of first bondholders -- the Appelbaums, the Jacobses, the Lenzes, the Leskeses, the Baums, the Blums, the Sheers, and the Minkoffs (to name a few) -- who were instrumental in founding the Jewish Community Center. Mr. Resnick, an architect and member of the Jewish community, was in charge of the Center's construction -- a large, airy building -- and Ted Leskes served as the community's attorney.

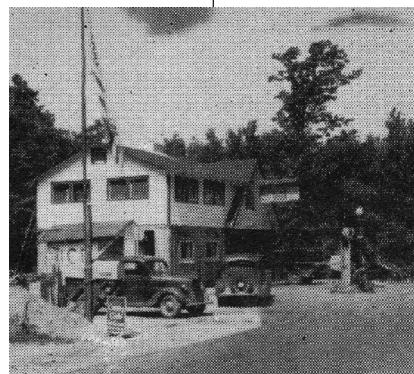
The Jewish Community Center was open only during the summer. Lay members of the community conducted Friday night services, first by Izzy Bookbinder and later by Joe Steinberg. Refreshments were served after the services. Saturday nights were special, featuring professional entertainers and live music for dancing.

A non-denominational summer day camp, “Camp Greenwood,” organized by Ruth Jacobs was started in 1949 after the purchase of Hook's garage and before the center's construction in 1950. The community offered camp membership scholarships to needy local children and held three yearly charity events to raise funds for the scholarships.

At the camp's peak, 100 campers enjoyed swimming, canoeing, and rowing in the lake, and playing ball on the field across the street from the center. Mark and Steve Appelbaum, Judy and Rita Carr,

Gary Block, Vivian and Audrey Leskes, Linda Blum, Marv Dewald, and Arnie and Lenny Berman were among the first campers. One of their counselors, Ed Varien, was an expert hiker and took campers hiking on many local trails.

David and Selma Wolf were the first camp directors. According to Rita Jacobs, the camp's activities centered around the interests and



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talents of the camp's directors. One summer's activities featured horseback riding, another offered ballroom dancing with Marvin and Marlene, and another staged operettas with Fritzie and Ed Goldman.

The directors were given housing in a small cottage to the rear of the Center's building. The cottage was located in front of the lake that was cleared of stumps for the camp's swimming area. The ground level of the building housed separate dressing rooms for the campers.

Judy Carr, Michael Jacobs, and Rita Davidowitz, and Judy Kass were among the teenage campers who later became counselors. At night, the teenagers would go to the "Sugar Bowl" and "The Three Sisters," to square dances at the Queen of Peace church, and to John's for pizza. At 16 years of age, Judy became a counselor at Grossman's Hotel in Warwick [now known as Camp Kutz], where she met her husband. Rita Davidowitz and Michael Jacobs met each other at the JCC camp, and like so many other Upper Greenwood Lake summer romances, their romance led to their marriage in 1967. Jan Melnick and Steve Appelbaum's summer camp romance also led to their marriage.

On Sunday mornings, one could always find a men's handball game at the handball court and/or a seasonal picnic at the beach in the afternoon. The Ladies' Auxiliary was very active hosting luncheons, casino nights, bazaars, flea markets, and day trips raising money for various charities.

During the '50's and '60's many Jewish families were drawn to Upper Greenwood Lake because of the vibrant Jewish community. Founders and leaders of the Jewish Community Center, such as Bill Jacobs, Hyman Blum, Dr. Ralph Lenz (both president of the JCC and president of the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association Board of Trustees), and Abe Levin – to name a few – took an interest in the lake and its upkeep and

became active members of the Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association. Michael said his father was instrumental in the purchase of the "Water Buffalo," -- the LTV4 amphibious landing vehicle that the Association purchased from the army as war surplus to use as a stump puller -- and Michael was given the

roads impassible, families trekked over the ice through three feet of snow to the party in her house on Race Track Drive.

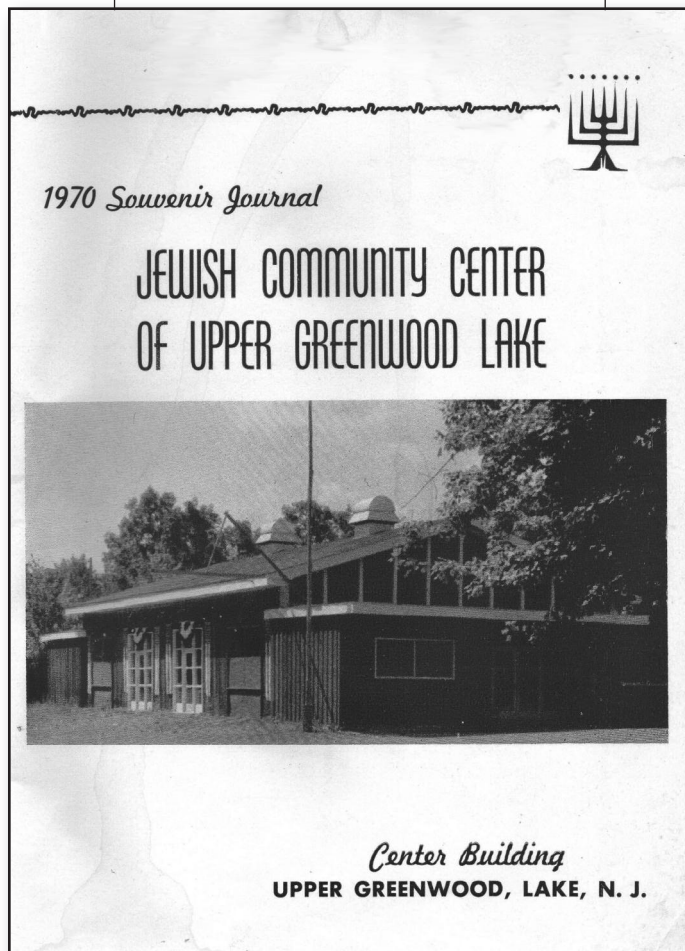
Gradually over the years the Jewish Community Center, which was established because the Jewish community "needed more room for their Sabbath services and social gatherings," became more of a non-denominational social club. In 1970, Dr. Ed Sukoff was president of the JCC. During his tenure the Center's recreational facilities were extended to include an outside pool. Pool membership was an open membership and residents of the Upper Greenwood Lake community at large were invited to join.

As Upper Greenwood Lake changed from a vacation community to a year round bedroom community, the Jewish community slowly dwindled. In the '80's and '90's founding members aged and retired - many to Florida – and their children, who had enjoyed many vacation years at the lake, married and moved away. Thus the camp diminished in size and finally closed.

David O'Hayon was the last president of the JCC and together with the treasurer, Else Pettinato, donated the balance of the JCC funds to local charities. The building was sold in 2006 to the Living Word Church. The proceeds of the sale were donated to the B'nai Torah congregation in

Greenwood Lake to help fund their new building.

The Jewish Community Center still stands and, although it is no longer painted red and it displays a spire with a cross, it looks much as it had in its "heyday" – in those wonderful summers of Upper Greenwood Lake's early years. Judy Goodman said, "Mom and Dad spent some of the best years of their lives at the lake." Rita Jacobs wrote, "Our closest friends are the friendships we made at Upper Greenwood Lake. We're actually attending the Bat Mitzvah of a grandchild of a lake friend." Libby Sukoff reminisces, "Today as I drive by the (JCC's) building, I remember with nostalgia the wonderful spirituality, friendships, and good times engendered there."



laborious job of hand cranking (the method of which he indicated by circling his arm as he spoke) the craft's ramp.

Some families spent weekends all year long at their lake houses enjoying autumn hikes and winter activities. Michael tells of the times his family would come up in the winter. His father would shovel a path to their front door, light the three propane heaters in the house and while the house was warming up walk around the neighborhood to find out who else was up for the weekend. Libby recalls that every winter in the late '60's Oscar and Alice Kraut held a New Year's Day buffet party. Alice, who in her twenties played the flute in the Phil Spitalny's All Girl Band — traveling with the band the world over, — would entertain her guests by playing at the parties. One year when a blizzard made the

Master Plan Update

By Pat Toffler

During 2008 and 2009 the Board of Trustees' Master Plan Committee has been in the early stages of developing a Master Plan. Over the summer of 2009, the POA Committee Chairs developed their *vision* or *long-range* concepts for how they intend to strategically manage in their areas of responsibility. They considered and anticipated their capital projects for improving or maintaining facilities, parklands, docks, water quality, weeds, and stumps. The intent of this effort is to forecast expenditures beyond routine "operations and maintenance" which are included in the normal budgeting process. In this manner, the Board and the Community can plan and budget for projects that require extraordinary funding. Examples include, upgrade and repairs for the club house, firehouse, pavilion, and dam; stump removal, non-chemical weed treatment, fish management, and improvements for the beach and common areas. They also considered the need to review

and revise policy concerning docks, management of memberships, and rules & regulations. The challenge now is to find a suitable, usable format for capturing and organizing their collective perspective.

Having reviewed various published Community Master Plans, most of which are voluminous and not directly amenable to our needs, we are searching for a simple format or template that can be considered and adopted by the Board and the Community. If anyone knows of a concise format, applicable software, or example that may serve our purpose, please send this information through our web site "contact us" link at uglpoa.org or call the office at 973-853-4262. Members with experience in developing a Community Master Plan and willing to provide assistance in creating one for Upper Greenwood Lake are very welcome to participate and assist in converting our "notes and concepts" to a viable, concrete document.

New Email Message System

By Lou Mangerpan

Many of you have been receiving alerts from our new "E Mail Message System". The system was developed in response to the data collected from our past lake surveys in which members wanted a "better" communications vehicle to alert and advise them of lake activities and other issues. Many members stressed communication was an important issue and wanted an improvement in this area. So far we have over 1000 E-mail addresses on our system.

The system will only be used to communicate information on lake activities, POA and Easement meetings, special events and meetings, and activities which may impact members such as the lake lowering. All members on the system have the ability to "opt out" at any time they no longer wish to receive messages. Procedures have been put into place to insure the system is not abused and all the information is secure. All proposed messages will be screened before sending and no message will be sent unless it has Board approval.

Placing your name on this list is not automatic. If you are not currently receiving message and wish to be placed on the system's e mail list, please use the "contact us" link on the UGLPOA web site at uglpoa.org to make this request. Only one e mail address can be submitted or used for an Upper Greenwood Lake property. All contact information will be screened to insure the individual is not already on the list and to insure the individual is part of the Upper Greenwood Lake community.



Important Notice

ICE FISHING BANNED

Due to the lake draw down and the possibly dangerous unstable ice conditions that could result after the lake starts to refill in late December and early January, ICE FISHING will be banned in late 2009 and early 2010. If anyone caught ice fishing who is not a resident in the Upper Greenwood Lake Easement will be arrested for trespassing.

Ice Dangers are Possible this Winter

By Karen Sarnowski

With our significant lake drawdown, this winter's ice may be more risky than usual. As the water returns to pre-drawdown levels, which will occur slowly, the ice may be much more unstable than usual. Please take extra precaution during the upcoming winter season.

The Eagles Have Landed

By Karen Sarnowski

Maybe you are one of our lucky residents that have already seen first hand the eagles we have around the lake. If not, this season with the lake drawdown you may have your first sighting next season. I have heard of eagles around for the past three years and tried in vain to spot one. Finally I found one perched on one of the islands in the southern end of the lake and very visible from the Witte Road causeway.

Another resident along Witte Road has spotted, on more than one occasion, a family of three feasting out on a stump. If you watch the stumps and the trees around the open water areas, you may also see our national symbol!

Clubhouse Usage

By Laura Nietzer

Once again I am hoping that we can together as a community to find new ways to use the clubhouse to benefit the people of Upper Greenwood Lake. It is being underutilized due to a lack of volunteers to help run community activities. It is great to report that the Boy Scouts continue to use the clubhouse for meetings and celebrations and now our local Daisy Girl Scout troop will meet weekly at the clubhouse. The Kids Corp still meets on Thursday as a time for parents and preschool children to socialize. We had planned to hold a Family Corp on alternating Friday nights but unfortunately our volunteer moved. Family night on the beach was a hit and we would like to con-



tinue to hold family functions now that the weather has become colder and the beach is closed. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS and you will not be alone running an event; we will help you. I have done it and it is not that hard. Some events are easy. How about a winter movie night once a month?? Or bringing back Candy Bar Bingo; we have the supplies. Or maybe you have an idea. Contact Lisa at 973-853-4262 in the POA office and the Activities Committee or the Clubhouse Committee will help you. But we cannot do it by ourselves. Let's use the clubhouse for some community fun.

Dredging

By Karen Sarnowski

At the time of this writing, it looks like we are going to have a successful lake drawdown to enable us to (finally) have a dredging project!!!!

The areas of focus will be the canal that runs from Mt. Laurel Lake into Upper Greenwood Lake parallel to Warwick Turnpike. This area is almost inaccessible at this point in time. The second area is the deep recesses of Witte Cove. Residents that live at the end of this cove cannot put a boat in the water. That is fill in! This is an area that has never had a dredging project and we are quite concerned that it could become the next area that we "lose" to infilling. Since it has never been dredged, we do not know exactly what we are going to run into and it basically is going to be taken one day at a time. But, we will do as much dredging as we are able and that finances allow.

Environmental 2009

By Howie Zemser

As mentioned in our cover story, the Environmental Committee conducted water tests throughout the season to monitor lake conditions. Readings were conducted almost weekly to monitor parameters for Dissolved Oxygen, PH, temperature, conductivity, and Secchi (water transparency) depth at all depths at three strategic locations on the lake. We also took periodic water samples for laboratory analysis, based on the recommendations of Princeton Hydro which is our lake management firm. All results were sent to the firm and also to our weed management company, Aquatic Analyst, for review and consideration. The results gave them timely important data on lake conditions, and helped guide their recommendations in manag-

ing the lake. This data is also being compiled to determine long-term trends in the lakes ecology and future management strategies. Overall, the lake was in very good condition this past season, even

though we did experience some algae blooms.

Yearly reminder: The main focus for the community is to continue to reduce the loading of nutrients going into the

lake, especially phosphorus, the main culprit for algae blooms and weeds. You can easily help by ceasing or at least limiting the use of products containing phosphates, and to regularly maintain (pumping out) your septic system. Buy "phosphate free". Please do your part to protect your valuable resource. It will make a difference.



Important Dock Info

By Karen Sarnowski

Last winter was a harsh one when it came to docks. Many docks were left in disrepair and many docks are still in disrepair this fall. There are some members who did notify us that they planned to repair their docks during the lake drawdown which makes sense.

This coming spring the Dock Committee will be actively assessing docks and sending notices for docks in disrepair. Members will have one month from notice, to repair their dock or otherwise risk having the dock reassigned. Through the past lake surveys and comments from members, the Dock Committee has heard over and over again about docks left in disrepair. It is aesthetically unsightly and members wanting a dock wonder why they can't have that dock because they would fix it up and maintain it. We urge you to use the drawdown period to do repairs to your dock and bulkhead, however, before starting be sure to obtain approval from the Board for the proposed repairs.

Dock owners are responsible to keep their docks in good repair as per our Rules & Regulations. To ask yourself "Is my dock in disrepair?" consider these parameters. **Is any portion of the dock in or under the water (other than poles, flotation devices of floating docks or concrete slab docks)? Is the dock twisted in a position that makes it difficult to walk on? Are numerous boards missing from the dock creating a hazardous walking surface? Does the dock dip into the water when you walk on it?** All of these conditions would contribute to a dock being considered as "not in good repair".

In mapping the docks, we have also noted a number of members who have multiple docks and they are not paying the additional fees for these docks, along with some mooring boats off of their property. **All boats must be tied to a dock or bulkhead.** Property owners with multiple docks will be assessed additional fees for them this coming season. If you fall into this category you may want to remove the additional docks this fall so you are not faced with additional billings.

A dock allows for one or two boats

and two PWC's parked side by side at the dock or for four PWC's parked side by side on each side of the dock. Waterfront properties that are using bulkheads for additional parking will also be assessed as having two docks.

Over the past four years we have worked diligently in developing a map of docks around the lake. While not completely finished, it should be soon. What has been completed is being evaluated and come spring any dock that is not accounted for with an assigned member, will be tagged with a notice. If no one comes forward as the owner, the tagged dock will be reassigned. There are a num-

Another ongoing issue we are having is with dock owners not affixing their current year membership sticker to their dock plates.

ber of docks that this applies to so please be on the outlook for these tags and call the office if it is your dock.

This past spring and early summer a number of boats were parked at member's docks that were not listed in the database as approved boats. In one case it was a resident who was not a POA paying member and subsequent to notification paid the POA fees.

Residents that do not join the POA are not allowed to park a boat at a friend's or family's dock overnight. If this is done it puts the dock owner in serious jeopardy of losing their membership and dock.

POA members also are not allowed to give friends/family/acquaintances the use of their dock and/or member badges. This has occurred and members have been admonished but it is reported by anonymous e-mails that it continues.

If you give your badges to a non-POA Upper Greenwood Lake resident to go to the beach, you are risking your membership and the person using the badges will be required to pay the POA membership fee. If they do not, they will be legally pursued. This is considered to

be "theft of services" and will hold up in court. Don't put yourself or a neighbor in this position as well as forcing us, your community neighbors, to have to seek recourse.

That said, do not give your membership ID/tags/badges to people from out of town; they will be charged with trespassing and your membership may be in jeopardy.

If you are a member using another member's dock for whatever reason, please notify the office so the proper people can be informed and unnecessary letters are not sent. Two of the people that received letters were allowing other members to use their dock because their own docks were unusable. There is no problem with this arrangement but notifying the office of this situation is required. The members were not happy about receiving our standard letter believing that illegal dock use was occurring but all could have been avoided if one person at each dock had called or e-mailed us to give us a heads up.

As volunteers, we would much rather use our volunteer time in enhancing the lake; not in policing and having to write letter after letter.

Another ongoing issue we are having is with dock owners not affixing their current year membership sticker to their dock plates. This is to the point that we are considering assessing a fee for non-compliance to members failing to apply their stickers. The reason that we ask members to affix their current membership tag is so that when we check dock plates while out on the water to make sure that docks are current, it is difficult to assess if members do not apply their tags. Please do not force us to take this action. Please make our jobs easier by taking a minute when you receive your membership packet to go to your dock and apply the sticker. We would truly appreciate it!

If for whatever reason you do not have a dock plate please call the office so that we can apply one to your dock. You will need to give us the location of your dock if you are not a lakefront member so check the docks on either side of you and give those numbers to our office manager.

And a thumbs up to all those members who this article does not apply to. We realize that the majority of members do follow the rules, do keep their docks in good condition and apply their dock tags. We do truly appreciate your efforts!

Milestone Year for Security

By Jason Horn

As another summer in Upper Greenwood Lake goes into the history books, many of us are asking if summer ever arrived. Well, although we can remember better summers weather wise, I think we all were able to get a few nice days here and there. Even though the weather didn't cooperate this year, it was a milestone year for Security. Our joint lake patrols with the West Milford Police Department were in full swing. The West Milford police issued over a dozen tickets on the water this season helping to insure everyone's safety. A special thanks is in order for Sergeant Keith Ricciardi and Patrol Officer Jaime McGuire who performed the patrols, as well as, Police Chief Paul Costello, Township Administrator Kevin Boyle and our own POA Office Manager Lisa Stroosnyder for their part in handling all the logistics. The POA Security team also issued a number of our own "Upper Greenwood Lake Violations". While these

violations do not carry the same financial or legal repercussions as the tickets issued by the Police, any person who accumulates several violations is in jeopardy of losing their right to join the Property Owners Association. This would cause

With these additions to our already well-qualified force, this was our best group of Security personnel, led by Ken Hall, ever assembled on our lake.

As we look forward to another year of ice activity, I just want to clarify a few points that have been of some confusion. **Ice fishing:** Ice fishing on the lake is only allowed by Easement holder and their guests. To be a guest means that person must be accompanied by an Easement holder while on the ice. A guest can not fish on the ice in winter or the water in summer if the Easement holder is not there. **Motorized Vehicles:** Only ATV's and Snowmobiles are allowed on the ice. Dirt bikes, motorcycles, cars, trucks, and go carts, by NJ State law, are not allowed. In addition, the ATV or Snowmobile must be owned and operated by an

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them to lose their dock and beach privileges.

In 2009, we hired two new Security guards: Darin Surin and Don Reading.

Easement holder. This means guests can not use their own ATV's or Snowmobiles. "Everyone" must also wear a Coast Guard

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Some People Just Don't Get It

By Karen Sarnowski

It has been noted that there are certain sections of parklands (areas bordering the lake) that are being used by neighbors as their "private" dumping grounds. In many areas residents are piling brush, fallen tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings and whatever yard debris that they don't want to haul to the town's compost center on our parklands!

This debris is accumulating, sometimes in large piles creating eyesores, as well as, blocking residents' access to parklands. Noted sites where this is occurring are: Point Breeze Drive, Racetrack Road, Landing Road, Passaic Drive, Sewell Road and Yardville Road. It is disturbing and disconcerting that residents have so little respect for our parklands.

We are fortunate enough to live in a town with a compost center that allows us to bring these very same items in and be rid of them from our yards. But some find

it easier to just walk across the street and dump them on parklands. Some consider dumping leaves on parklands as "mulching". This is not mulching and if one thinks it is then mulch your own property.

While parklands are available for all to use, it is not available for dumping. Can you imagine if you were to pile this debris on your neighbor's property what the reaction would be? Well, that is our reaction to this behavior.

So, if you are a guilty member of this group, please remove what you have already dumped and stop this behavior immediately. The Board plans to take a more proactive position on getting these areas cleaned up and looking good once again for people to enjoy. We will not continue to tolerate this behavior.

There are other areas of parklands that the homeowners living nearby take

great pride in keeping the areas neat and pristine. One area that comes to mind is the Avon/Marlboro Road area. All of our parklands should look like this area; a very pleasant place to sit and view our beautiful lake. Thank you to all members who make a point of keeping the parklands pristine and beautiful!

Also, if anyone sees a lawn service or homeowner blowing leaves into the lake this fall please ask them to stop or call the office at 973-853-4262. Obviously, we have trees surrounding the lake dropping their leaves in the lake and this cannot be stopped. But leaves add to the silting in of the lake as they decompose and in turn require action such as de-silting/dredging to restore the lake bottom to its original depth. This is a costly action so additional leaves in the lake from purposeful placement there is undesirable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

President's Corner

By John Veninger

It's been an exciting and busy 2009 for Upper Greenwood Lake! Our newest addition, the Beach Pavilion, made it through its first summer. Completion was accomplished by Jim Jones being persistent in obtaining the necessary permits and coordinating the construction. I was personally happy to finally be cooking hot-dogs for our annual Hot Dog roast under some shade after all these years! I'm sure other beach goers were happy to have a place to get out of the sun while visiting the Beach.

The Clubhouse was showing some of its age, so the committee recommended replacing the deck rails to a maintenance free railing. The new white railings show up very nicely to further spruce up the building. Thanks needs to go out to all the members of the Clubhouse Committee for their dedication in keeping the building in top shape.

The UGLPOA took on the challenge to enter a float in the West Milford's 175th anniversary parade. Edna Lynch pitched the

idea to the Board and funding was approved to move forward with the idea. No one could imagine the level of detail and artistry that was about to be unleashed to the public. The float was two fifty foot long murals of our lake with various summer activities shown. The top of the float showed a group of ladies sitting on the beach, a speed boat pulling a water skier (yes, that was me), and a fisherman with his dog in a row boat trying to catch the big one. A special thanks needs to go out to all that were involved in producing this floating piece of art. **Larry Sliker** designed the entire float concept and murals. **Tony Kirk** of Castles and Villas, (our clubhouse faux painter) donated paints and his artistry to create the waves with our volunteer painters. **Seela's Paint Co.** of Wayne, NJ donated paints, as did Dutch Boy Paints. **George Tregidgo** supplied the lettering and logo design. Our contributing artists were **Edna Lynch, Edna Van Horn, Elaine Monks, Kim Hughes Haggerty, Amanda Mangerpan, Eva Hajek, Maryanne LaFleur, Joyce Mulholland, Arlene Bartzel and Carol DenHeyer.**

MS Equipment, Inc. of W. Milford donated the flatbed, truck cab and parade driver. **Nancy Lynch** donated the motorboat. The float was constructed and assembled by **Larry Sliker, Dave Lynch, Len DenHeyer, Ken Bartzel, Laura and Bob Moskin and Bill Alexander.**

The excitement in 2009 isn't quite over yet. I look out at the lake and see the water quickly disappearing! This is actually a good thing since the long awaited dredging project for the canal and Witte Cove is set to start in November. Delays from the State for permits and non-cooperative weather had created unexpected delays over the past few years. It seems that is all behind us and the excavators are ready to remove the material as soon as these areas are dry. Let's hope for a dry fall so this work can be done quickly and economically.

Upper Greenwood Lake continues to change and grow as the years pass. I have seen great progress in the 20 years I have been a resident. I'm proud to live "on the mountain" in what I tell people is year round vacation-land. I encourage everyone to help make the community an even better place by helping out when and where you can so everyone can enjoy our little gem called Upper Greenwood Lake.

On the Beach

By Andy Fineman

Going past the beach in winter is tough for me. It looks so empty and cold. But it also gives me pause to think. What will be in store for next year? How can we make it even better? During the season I try to be there at least a short time everyday and I am happy to say that those are among my best. To see the children playing in the sand and watch the swim lessons in progress make my day. For me to sit for a few minutes in the warm sun and let go of the normal stresses of life is a great gift. It has been great to share in that.

Tanya Mekelberg, Barry Britton and I are happy that the many "regulars" enjoy the beach as much as we do, and make our efforts more worthwhile. We would also like to thank those who have stepped forward to help with set up and clean up days on the beach. We could not have done it by ourselves.

We are sure you will all agree that the life guards and the water safety instructors we had on staff are a major part of the success of the beach. Good job kids!

Now on to the future, at this time we are looking forward to some logistical improvements. We will be adding a new shed behind the clubhouse in which to store the beach equipment. In addition we are exploring the cost of adding some extra benches along the fence and a few more tables under the pavilion. There will also be a new and taller life guard chair which we plan to build to ourselves to our own specifications

As always we welcome anyone who would like to be part of the Beach Committee. We your ideas and efforts may be just what we are looking for. Join us, won't you?

Dumping and Storing on Parklands

By Laura Nietzer

Now that it is the fall and property owners will be cleaning up their yards, it is important to note that dumping of any kind on Parklands is not allowed. This includes but is not limited to leaves, grass clippings, branches and other debris. Thank you for your attention and if you see illegal dumping on parklands, please contact the POA office at 973-853-4262. The storing of boats, jet skis, campers, trailers and such is also not allowed on parklands. Remember, the parklands are for all the property owners and cannot be treated as private property or a storage area, even if you live across the street. Thank you for your cooperation.

Can You Help Us to Clean Up Our Lake?

By Karen Sarnowski

With the significant lake drawdown we can see a lot of debris in the lakebed. It is a very good opportunity to clean up debris that should not be in our lake. If you are a lakefront homeowner and/or dock owner or even just a lake user who wants to pitch in, please dedicate some time for lake bottom clean up. There are smaller sized stumps that can get pulled out, garbage & glass, tires (I have seen many), garbage cans, street cones, you name it, it's out there.

We are organizing and coordinating a "tire pick-up" and "stump pick up" to help everyone that takes the time to clean the lake. We have already gotten e-mails from some homeowners needing some assistance in cleaning their areas due to personal physical limitations. And we will try to coordinate this assistance with our volunteer list and anyone who specifically volunteers now to help in lake clean up. Feel free to stop by an accessible area and jump in the lake bed and clean away! The Dover Road Park and the Firehouse Park are two areas that come to mind but maybe you have a fishing spot that you frequent that could use some clean up.

If you do remove stumps, please place them on the parklands in that area and let us know where they are so that we can collect them. Now is also the time to

dig out all the lily pad roots that you can. Their roots are very tuberous and lengthy but experience has shown if you remove some of it, it may not come back for a year or two.

Another item that should be removed if found is "fishing line". This is not good for our bird friends because it can become entangled around their feet and possibly cause a drowning situation.

We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our lake as pristine as possible.



On Being There

By Andy Fineman

The best way to make things happen is to be there when the time comes. We all like to hear about some great event or activity, but it is truly better to be there and witness it first-hand. In addition, being there affords us the opportunity to have our input become part of the motion, direction and outcome for the plan.

We have all had a moment when we thought, "If I had my say it would have been different". Here is a perfect chance to have your say. The POA has always asked members to step up and volunteer. We have lists of possible volunteers and potential committee members. We

announce events and activities, and in the end we see the same few faces at the meetings and in the committees.

Get in on the action. Call the office at 973-853-4262, and tell Lisa, the office manager, what committee you are interested in being part of. The chairperson will get back to you, I promise. If there is a new committee you believe we need to have, let us know. A number of new people have come to the community and have brought with them new and different ideas. This resource can go untapped or open new vistas for us. So, as you see, the opportunity exists, the need exists, the only thing left is to be there. Join us, won't you?

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Approved Flotation Devise, again by NJ State law. **Fires:** As per POA Rules and Regulations, no fires are allowed on the ice.

We have had several problems this year with POA and Easement holders giving their car sticker, and in some cases, their beach badges to friends in attempt to allow them clearance from our Security force or beach guards. This is a violation of POA Rules and Regulations and is taken very seriously by the Board of Trustees. Any member who is caught in this activity risks immediate revocation of their lake privileges. Please keep these rules in mind as Security, with the help of the West Milford Police, patrol the lake in summer and winter.

Based on complaints we have received over the years, please keep in mind that ATV's and Snowmobiles make a lot of noise. As the sun rises or sets, no one wants their home to become the front seat at a NASCAR race. Please, have respect for your neighbors and keep the noise down. Our lake is big enough for everyone to have a good time, so please, if you see a group of ice fishermen set up for the day, find a different location to ride your ATV or Snowmobile. Hopefully our winter will provide better seasonal weather than summer did and we hope to see you all out there.

Volunteer List

By Lou Mangerpan

We will be updating and computerizing our current volunteer list in the coming months. If you wish to become a volunteer and be placed on the volunteer list, please go to our web site at uglpoa.org and submit your information using the "volunteer" link. Individuals currently on our volunteer list will be receiving an e mail or telephone call to be sure we have your current information and that you wish to continue to on the volunteer list.

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